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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

PATENT

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In re application of:

Dieter Heindl et al.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 21, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed November 15, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination, a Supplemental IDS and a one-month Request for Extension of Time, extending the time period for responding to December 21, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.